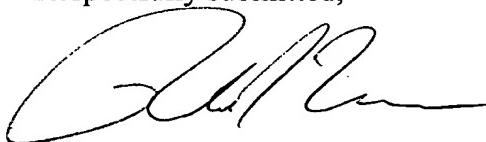


REMARKS

The search and examination of the subject matter within Group II will include pharmaceuticals. Applicants submit there is no evidence it would be an undue burden to extend the search and examination to the treatment methods of Group I such that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Claim 8 has been amended to further define a method of claim 6, upon which it depends. Claim 8 should now be included in the methods of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) A compound method of claim 6 wherein M in the formula $-L-(ML^1)$ for B is $-O-$, $-CH_2-$, $-S-$, $-NH-$, $-C(O)-$, $-O-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2-O-$.